

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1929

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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Board of Dental Examiners,

State House, Boston, January 2, 1930.

To William F. Craig, *Director of Registration*:

Sir:—In compliance with statutory requirements, the Board of Dental Examiners has the honor of submitting to you its forty-third annual report for the year ending November 30, 1929.

## MEMBERS OF BOARD

The members of the Board are Dr. Ralph P. Cunningham, Chairman, Springfield (1931), Dr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary, Boston (1934), Dr. George A. Thatcher, Brockton (1932), Dr. Charles E. B. Chase, Framingham (1930), Dr. Harold W. Alden, Northampton (1933).

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held in the State House, Boston, on December 12, 1928. Dr. Ralph P. Cunningham was elected Chairman, and Dr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year. The Annual Report of the Board was submitted by the Chairman, approved by the Board and the Secretary instructed to draw up six copies of same as per request of the Director of the Department.

## ANNUAL REGISTRATION

The Board feels that it can report progress in the matter of annual registration. The fact that the annual registration law was enacted for the purpose of eliminating the illegal practitioner and for the protection of the legal practitioner does not seem to be fully understood by a large number of dentists in the Commonwealth as there are still a number of practicing dentists who have failed to comply with the requirements of this law. It is confidently expected that recent arrangements with the Department of Public Safety will greatly improve this condition during the coming year.

## DATES OF, AND PLACES WHERE EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD

The Board has held two examinations of candidates for registration in dentistry and two examinations of candidates for registration as dental hygienists. These examinations were held during the months of June and October, at Harvard and Tufts dental schools, and the Forsyth Dental Infirmary to which institutions grateful acknowledgment is due for helpful co-operation.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the courtesy and co-operation received from the Attorney General's office and the Department of Public Safety.

## NATIONAL MEETING

Dr. Harold W. Alden was elected by the Board to represent it at the annual meeting of the National Board of Dental Examiners held in Washington, D. C., in September. Much information valuable to the State and Board is obtained through the attendance of representatives of our Board at these meetings. A full report of the transactions of the meeting was read by Dr. Alden at the October meeting of the Board.

This Board wishes to call your attention to the inadequate quarters now occupied by the Board in Room 146 which it occupies co-jointly with the Board of Registration in Optometry, the Embalming Board, the Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants and the Director of Registration. The congestion caused by these five offices being crowded into one of the smallest rooms in the State House is a serious handicap to the proper functioning of this Board, and it respectfully petitions that some relief may be granted in the nature of securing larger quarters. The extra work incident

to the Administration of the Annual Registration law has added to the congestion. The Secretaries of the different Boards are frequently obliged to waste a great deal of time standing around waiting their turn to use the one desk allotted to them.

The Board of Dental Examiners is of the unanimous opinion that only graduates of reputable Dental Schools should be eligible for examination in the Commonwealth.

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY

	June	October
Passed .....	97	11
Rejected .....	6	6
Did not appear for examination .....	1	1
Total.....	104	18
Total number of applications received .....		122
Number examined .....		120
Number passed .....		108
Number rejected .....		12
Did not appear for examination .....		2

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS DENTAL HYGIENISTS

	June	October
Passed .....	31	18
Rejected .....	1	—
Total .....	32	18
Total number of applications received .....		50
Number examined .....		50
Number passed .....		49
Number rejected .....		1
Interne Registration Certificates issued .....		33
Duplicate certificates .....		5
Certified Statements issued .....		21

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue

Fees received from applicants, duplicate certificates and certified statements .....	\$3,581.00
Fees received from annual registration .....	6,238.00
Total paid into Treasury of the Commonwealth, Nov. 30, 1929.....	\$9,819.00

Expenses

Salaries of Board Members .....	\$3,800.00
Travel .....	648.09
Office expenditures .....	1,089.79

Respectfull submitted,  
RALPH P. CUNNINGHAM, D. M. D., *Chairman.*  
W. HENRY GRANT, D. M. D., *Secretary.*